

Annex A

Eligibility criteria for student mobility

1. Legal status of the student

- The student shall be a national of a participating country or recognised as refugee, stateless person or permanent resident.

2. Student's registration in a HEI holder of a EUC

- The student shall be registered in a higher education institution which holds an EUC, whatever his/her field of study, in order to follow higher education studies leading to a recognised degree or other recognised tertiary level qualification, up to and including the level of doctorate.

3. Ineligible First Year Students

- For standard student study mobility, the student shall be enrolled at least in the second year of higher education studies. For placements, this condition does not apply.

4. Zero-grant students

- Erasmus allows for "zero-grant Erasmus students" (both for study and placement mobility), i.e. students who fulfil all Erasmus student mobility criteria and benefit from all advantages of being an Erasmus student without receiving an Erasmus mobility grant.

5. Mobility to Home Country

- A national of a participating country who is temporarily resident in another participating country for the purpose of pursuing a programme of education at a HEI is eligible to undertake Erasmus mobility to their country of origin, but shall be given lowest priority in the selection of applications.

6. Multiple Erasmus periods

- During his higher education studies, an individual may receive a maximum of three Erasmus grants:
 - one grant for a period of study abroad;
 - one grant for a placement abroad;
 - one grant for participation in an Erasmus Mundus Master Course (as already agreed under the former Socrates-Erasmus programme) .
- The total duration of all grants may not exceed 24 months (including the grant for the Erasmus Mundus Master Course).
- The rules apply independently of whether the student is a zero-grant student or not.

7. *Unchanged national grants and loans*

- The payment of national grants and loans to outgoing students shall be maintained.

8. *The Erasmus Student Charter*

- All the rights and obligations of an Erasmus student are written down in the Erasmus Student Charter, which is given to each student before leaving for his/her study period abroad.

Eligible activities abroad

Erasmus mobility grants shall be awarded exclusively for the following activities abroad:

- Full-time undergraduate or postgraduate studies, including thesis preparation (but excluding research activities not specifically forming part of a course of studies), leading to a recognised diploma or degree, at an EUC institution.
- Full-time placements provided that the placement is recognised as a part of the student's programme by the home institution.
- A combination of a period of studies and a placement.

In addition

The sending HEI may set criteria, for example the academic performance of the candidate, the working knowledge of the working language required in the host organisation, the motivation, etc.

The Erasmus study period/placement should demonstrably contribute to developing the student's personal and professional competences, including languages and intercultural competence. Use of Europass is foreseen.